MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The encroachments were removed.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

PRESIDENT: Order, order.

I have received notice of a motion for adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing important questions arising out of reports in the Press regarding the reply made by the Dewan recently in the Munar Camp to a memorial which was presented by the All-Travancore Political Congress. I have therefore to decide, before I ask the House, whether this motion is admissible.

In the first place, it is a moot question whether any pronouncement made by the Dewan or the replies given by him to any address or deputation can be regarded as a subject-matter of discussion on the floor of the House.

In the second place, the motion has been made merely on the strength of what has appeared in the public Press. The utmost that could be said in favour of such publication will be that they are alleged to have been made by the Dewan. There is, until now, no official publication of the matter. As honourable members of the House will be aware, conflicting statements have already appeared in the public Press as to what the Dewan said or did not say.

Thirdly, I am not convinced myself that this is a matter of such urgency as to call for or necessitate the adjournment of the House to consider the motion.

For these reasons. I over-rule the motion.

WELCOME TO THE NEW PRESIDENT.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): On behalf of the members of this Assembly, the lower House of the Representative Legislature of Travancore, and on my own behalf, I offer you a most hearty welcome as our President. The representative institutions in this State are the result of the enlightened policy pursued by the late illustrious Maharaja Sri Mulam Thirunal, a policy which has been amplified and extended by His Highness Sri Chitra Thirunal Maharaja so early in His Highness' reign. There is no Indian State where the rights of citizenship, the rule of law and the forms of legislation are more respected than in Travancore. This Assembly and the Sri Chitra State Council are striving to attain to and maintain that standard of public criticism and control which the world expects to find in this premier State so rich in the intelligence of its people and in its native beauty and national resources, a State proud of its historical antecedents associated with a Ruling Family, the most ancient, the best cultured and patriotic, in all India. In Travancore, Sir, you find side by side with the smallest civil list, a colossal expenditure of public funds on education, public works and other nation-building activities. You find a

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